

Listening: sentence completion

SPOTLIGHT CHECKLIST



PAPER 4, PART 2 Listening for dates, statistics, and/or figures

Remember:

- The gaps usually require no more than three words.
- Use actual words you hear in the recording

Tips

- Write your answers clearly, in CAPITAL LETTERS.
- Do not leave blanks – you may make a lucky guess!

Practise:

- listening to interviews and discussion programmes on a variety of topics;
- listening to different accents;
- predicting the type of word or information needed in each gap before you listen (noun, verb, date, number etc);
- checking that your answers fit grammatically – is the noun singular or plural; which tense should the verb be in?

1 **Q 11.1 PAPER 4, PART 2** You will hear part of a talk in which a financial management specialist gives advice on family spending. For questions 1–8, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

According to the speaker, the family should make sure they live within their (1) _____.

Consideration should be given to the possibility of (2) _____, such as accidents or sudden health problems.

The speaker states that in order to create a spending plan that works, there are (3) _____ steps to take.

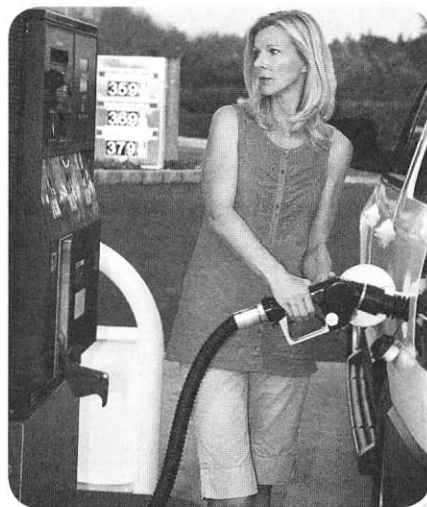
She suggests completing a (4) _____ listing the family goals to be achieved over a given period of time.

The total family monthly (5) _____ should be calculated, so that everyone knows how much money is available.

The speaker identifies (6) _____ main categories of expenses the family should consider.

Family members need to adopt good (7) _____ with regard to limiting their spending.

The speaker suggests that having a monthly (8) _____ will help families remain in control of their finances.



Grammar: modal auxiliaries (2)

1 Match the function in the box to each of the sentences below.

annoyance	criticism	plan
prediction	resignation	

- 1 'They're not going to score now, so we may as well leave.'
- 2 'I think Liverpool will win the Champions League this season.'
- 3 'Be gentle! You might have broken the cat's leg!'
- 4 'Daniel will keep leaving his toy cars in the middle of the hall for me to trip over!'
- 5 'I think I'll bake an apple pie and take it to my aunt's this afternoon.'
- 6 'You could at least apologise to her for being so rude!'
- 7 It's raining, so I might as well do my homework.
- 8 'Oh no! You would get sick the day before the competition!'
- 9 'I know! For Tina's birthday, I'll buy her that new Amy Winehouse CD!'
- 10 'Mark my words, it will snow tomorrow now that we've planned this picnic.'

2 Complete the following email with the correct form of a suitable modal auxiliary, similar to those in exercise 1.

New Reply Reply All Forward Print Delete Send & Receive

Hi Mike,

Why didn't you turn up yesterday? I waited all evening! I do think you (1) _____ phoned to say that you (2) _____ coming. You (3) _____ do this to me when I'd prepared your favourite spaghetti dish!

No doubt you've got your reasons, but you (4) _____ at least talk to me about it, or send me an email. I (5) _____ be in The Coffee Shop this afternoon at around 4pm, if you want to come and talk.

Take care,

Sue

3 Complete the captions below with a suitable modal phrase.

A Lovely Day Out

1



'It _____ a beautiful day!'

3



'We _____ a wonderful time!'

5



'Your mother _____ interrupting when I'm trying to talk to you!'

2



'I know! I _____ her some flowers!'

4



'Watch out! You _____ that poor kitty!'

6



'Oh well! I _____ read the paper!'

Use of English: multiple-choice cloze

- 1 PAPER 3, PART 1 For questions 1–12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Taking Pride In Their Work



Everything (1) _____ in Cairo, every newspaper, torn pair of trousers or slice of bread, starts on a secret journey from the moment it is put in the bin. It is not a trail of chaos – but of professionalism, ingenuity, and imagination, crystallising into an industry as efficient as it is (2) _____.

The zabaleen (rubbish collectors) are one of a (3) _____ of autonomous groups that keep the city (4) _____ of rubbish while at the same time making a living. Traditionally, the main division is between the zabaleen and the wahiya (oasis people). The (5) _____ came around 1900 and took on responsibility for household waste disposal, selling it as fuel either to heat the public baths or for cooking. The arrival of the zabaleen about fifty years later from villages in Upper Egypt pushed the wahiya up (6) _____. Now the wahiya are middlemen, (7) _____ the rights to service buildings and selling collection routes to the zabaleen. Zabaleen make money from feeding the organic waste (about two thirds of the total) to their (8) _____ and recycling the rest.

The women of the household sort out the (9) _____ categories – plastic, glass, metal, paper, and textiles. It's hard work – but more environmentally friendly than the mechanised garbage crushing trucks from Europe that the municipality brought in about ten years ago. Once rubbish has been (10) _____ compressed, no recycling is possible. It can only be dumped. One zabaleen woman called Layla empties bags on the floor for her four daughters to (11) _____ through. She sees her job as vital for the city's survival.

'We don't like attention. Rubbish is never attractive and we're quite happy (12) _____ quietly ... but our work supports a whole industry that's virtually invisible to most people.'

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 A left behind | B disregarded | C put aside | D thrown away |
| 2 A unheard | B unknown | C unaware | D unimportant |
| 3 A number | B group | C tribe | D sector |
| 4 A devoid | B vacant | C clear | D deprived |
| 5 A former | B latter | C previous | D concluding |
| 6 A a portion | B a pinch | C an ounce | D a notch |
| 7 A presenting | B taking | C acquiring | D providing |
| 8 A livelihood | B household | C livestock | D smallholding |
| 9 A varied | B various | C varying | D variable |
| 10 A technically | B metallically | C mechanically | D technologically |
| 11 A rummage | B see | C glance | D browse |
| 12 A going on | B moving off | C settling in | D carrying on |

Speaking: disagreeing with someone else's opinion

- 1 List useful phrases for expressing ...

a partial agreement with your partner's views

b polite disagreement

- 2 **Q 11.2 PAPER 5, PART 4** Listen to Raul answer the following question, and think about your own views.

Do people care about their work ethically any more?

- 3 Do you agree with Raul? Write down your responses to the points he makes. Use some of the phrases you noted in exercise 1.

1 The value of doing a job well:

2 A job is a means to gain money, nothing more:

3 Respect:
